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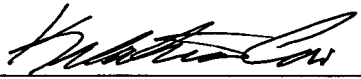
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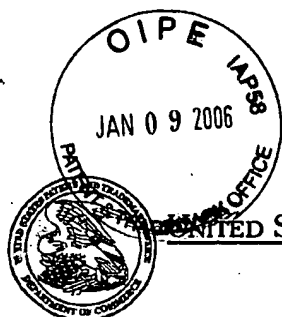
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Tyrosinase activity controlling agent, process for producing the same and external preparations containing the same

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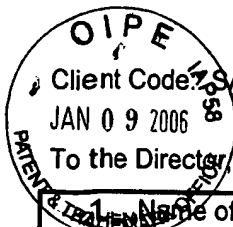
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hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in TYROSINASE ACTIVITY CONTROLLING AGENT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND EXTERNAL PREPARATION CONTAINING THE SAME the specification of which:

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1) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
AND WHEREAS, and 2) TOYO BOSEKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA

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This _____ day of _____, 20 _____

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